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Darren Lum  
Staff

# Wigamog debt may lead to sale

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Negotiations are ongoing between one of Haliburton's oldest resorts and Meridian Credit Union on how to repay debt with the bank.

The Wigamog Resort, established in 1903 on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog, could be put up for sale by the bank if a settlement can't be reached, a corporation dealing with the financial negotiations says.

"Asta's role is to say, OK can we negotiate a deal? What can we do here to keep all the parties

happy?" said Greg Willmott, director of mortgage banking with Toronto-based Asta Corp.

Willmott said his corporation has been acting as a manager for the last year hoping to bring the resort out of debt on behalf of the owner, German company IC Immobilien.

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# Family still searching for missing man

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Lacey Finch came to Haliburton Village on Jan. 12 with her two dogs to look for her uncle John.

The 23 year old was searching everywhere to get answers in the search for her 65-year-old uncle, now in its third week.

Reported missing on Dec. 30, John Finch was last seen by family and friends on Dec. 24 near his Lakeview Street home.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP crime unit is investigating, looking for any information that might lead to John's whereabouts.

"It seems right now that we're looking for a body," Lacey said.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Lacey now lives in Bridgenorth and hasn't communicated with her uncle John in the past year and a half.

Other members of the family have come from as far as South Carolina to aid in the search.

"We care about [John] and love him a lot," Lacey said.

With John's car still in the driveway of his home, members of the family don't think he could have ventured far.

"He doesn't have a passport, so it's not like he's just travelling," Lacey said.

So far none of the searches by friends and family have turned up anything.

"We just don't know where he is. Everyone just wants to know if he's dead or alive ... it's the fact that we just don't know if he's OK. I want to know if he's safe somewhere and if he's alive and doing well," she said.

Lacey has been using Facebook to get the word out about her uncle and has received tremendous support, she said.

The OPP isn't treating the investigation as a suspicious missing person, according to Haliburton Highlands detachment acting commander Staff Sgt. Chad Bark.

Those with any information about the investigation are being encouraged to contact the Haliburton OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or visiting [www.khcs.ca](http://www.khcs.ca).

John Finch was last seen by friends and family on Dec. 24 near his Lakeview Street home in Haliburton. The investigation and search for Finch continues. He was reported missing on Dec. 30. Family members are looking for any information about Finch's whereabouts.



## Man charged with over 80 in Highlands East

While patrolling West Fall Lane in Highlands East on Jan. 11, four snowmobiles were stopped and checked by the Bancroft OPP. The odour of alcohol was detected and one

of the snowmobile drivers failed a roadside screening test. The man was arrested for over 80 and transported to the Bancroft OPP detachment.

A 46-year-old man from Queensville has been charged with operate a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood. He was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on the Jan. 29.

- Submitted by Bancroft OPP

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**Angelica Blenich** Echo staff

Chief administrative officer of Hastings County Jim Pine outlines the successful physician recruitment program currently in place for the county at a Highlands East council meeting on Jan. 15. Highlands East is looking to enter into a partnership with Hastings in hopes they will recruit physicians to Highlands East.

# Highlands East looking to partner with Hastings County

➤ Recruitment program  
uses Hastings success  
as example

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The municipality of Highlands East is hoping to entice a doctor to the area with the help of Hastings County.

Chief administrative officer for Hastings County Jim Pine visited municipal councillors at their Jan. 15 meeting to discuss the success Hastings County has had with its physician recruitment program.

Implemented in 2006, the program was created due to a shortage of physicians, which resulted in overcrowded emergency rooms.

The problem was also becoming an economic one for the county, Pine said.

Hastings put in a program offering a grant to those enrolled in medical school, to help students offset their costs.

The county gives students \$25,000 a year for six years, totalling \$150,000.

In return, medical students have to commit to practice for a minimum of five years within Hastings County by signing a return of service agreement.

To date, the project has brought in 12 full-time doctors, the latest being signed in November 2012, Pine said.

Part of the success lies in promoting the program and getting the message out there, which Hastings County has done through

media campaigns and co-ordination with hospitals, medical programs and local doctors.

"Candidates want to go to places where there is support for this," he said.

One of the stipulations of the program is that Hastings County will not poach a family doctor from a neighbouring municipality.

Pine suggested Hastings County strike up an arrangement with Highlands East and possibly share a physician.

"We're not asking for any money up front," Pine said.

Doctors looking to practice in Hastings County could be interested in Highlands East as well.

If the county were able to recruit an individual willing to practice in the municipality then a discussion regarding funding would take place.

Pine suggested the grant costs could be split evenly between the two parties, meaning Highlands East would contribute \$75,000.

"We will discuss this in the future ... it could take time [to recruit someone]," he said.

Councillor Cec Ryall asked whether Hastings County would continue to do the recruiting work.

"Yes," said Pine. "It's in our interest to work with anybody that we can. It makes our area more attractive."

Highlands East chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig suggested councillors go through the draft agreement Hastings County had prepared.

A resolution will be brought to council at their next scheduled meeting.

## Eastern Ontario Wardens elect new chairman, vice chair

The members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus elected Rick Phillips, warden of Hastings County, as this year's chairman last week.

Ron Holman, warden of the United

Counties of Leeds and Grenville was elected vice-chairman.

As part of their first meeting of 2013, the wardens met with MPs and MPPs from their areas to talk about what the coming

year will hold for their communities.

Members also include wardens from Renfrew, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterborough County, Haliburton County, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Prescott

and Russell, Lanark, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

- QMI Agency





The Wigamog Resort has had several owners in its century-long history. **Darren Lum** File photo

## Site still offers promise, reeve says

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While the Wigamog has its own management making the day-to-day decisions, Asta is responsible for making a deal with the bank.

According to Willmott, the bank has decided it wants repayment now. "Meridian has asked for repayment. The investors did put additional funds in to do renovations and attempted a reopening of it last September and proceeded and Meridian came back and said no we want a pay out of our funds," he said.

To this end, a letter went out to those owed money by Wigamog explaining the situation. It reads, in part:

"While discussions are still ongoing, it must be expected that Meridian will proceed with a sale of the property under power of sale should no acceptable settlement be achieved."

Despite this, Willmott said he is hoping for the best. "What the hope is if a deal can be made quickly we can restart and reopen it, because the longer it's closed, the more difficult it is to reopen it," he said.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he was sure the resort could be rejuvenated. "Wigamog's been a signature tourism [site] for the county. It's had a long history and a good reputation for many years," he said.

He praised past owners for its expansion and said the lakeside location would continue to attract visitors.

Fearrey said the resort industry across the province was having trouble because of the economy.

The Wigamog closed its doors Dec. 31.

# Highlands East opposes MNR logging plans

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 15 meeting of Highlands East council.*

The municipality is voicing its opposition to the Ministry of Natural Resources plan to log a 100-acre lot in Highlands East.

The property in question is Crown land, adjacent to Greenmantle Farm, owned by Mark and Sandra Bramham.

The couple has a 21-year mining lease on the Crown land, where they conduct guided mineral tours.

Mark made a delegation to council explaining his desire to protect the red oaks on the property he says are rare.

The trees provide food for wildlife and are regenerated through forest fires, he said.

With trees being lost due to disease and other elements, it is important to protect the ones we have, Mark said.

"Our forests are under attack," he said. "We live in a beautiful part of the world, let's leave them something to explore."

The MNR has slated the property to be logged sometime between 2016 and 2021.

The Bramhams started a petition against the proposed logging as well as a Facebook group to get the word out.

Councillor Steve Kauffeldt questioned the MNR's reasoning for logging a small, landlocked piece of property.

"There is lots of other land they can go after ... I'm not against logging but I feel they are hand-selecting a specific lot. It's suspicious," said Kauffeldt.

The municipality has a rare ecosystem, which is a treasure for Highlands East, Mark Bramham said.

A spokesperson for the MNR said the organization does not believe red oaks are rare and said there would be additional public consultations before harvesting happens on the property.

"Red oak is not scarce on the landscape and the forest management planning process fully accounts for maintaining forest ecosystems on Crown land. This particular site is not considered a red oak old growth stand but does contain some red oak," spokesperson Audrey Tobolka wrote in an email to the *Echo*.

"Harvesting of this site is planned for between 2016 and 2021, which is in Phase 2 or the second five years of the of the approved 2011-2021 Bancroft Minden Forest Management Plan. All Phase 2 planned operations will require additional public consultation before final approval is considered," she said.

Highlands East council passed a resolution to oppose the logging of this lot, to be sent to the MNR's Bancroft district office.

## Curling club gets help

The Wilberforce Curling Club is receiving financial assistance this year because membership levels have reached an all-time low.

With only 38 members, the club is having difficulty meeting its operating costs, said Tammy Vaughan during a delegation to council.

"We want your help," she said.

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## Hockey town

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It's a terrific time for hockey fans (and fans of a winter tourism economy).

Thanks – as always – goes to the volunteers who are making all of these attractions possible.

Dedicated Haliburtonians braved the frigid temperatures with hoses in mitten-clad hands to create the outdoor rinks.

They plowed the snow in ATVs, organized schedules for the Home Builders' tournament and booked celebrities for the Scotty Morrison event.

They've done promotion, spread the word, done radio interviews, and hustled for sponsorships.

It's these people we have to thank for the weekends ahead and the money it brings to our service groups and local businesses.

The best way to thank them? Participate.

Pages 17 to 24 of this paper give

detailed information about all of our local hockey tournaments. Check them out.

### A piece of history

This week we reported on some sad news: the Wigamog Resort is in debt to the point the bank might sell it.

The Wigamog is an icon of Haliburton. Built in 1903, the Lake Kashagawigamog resort has played a major role in attracting visitors to the Highlands.

When the German ownership decided to invest

dollars into redoing some of the rooms and sprucing up the restaurant, Wild Moose, many thought the resort was undergoing a renaissance.

Unfortunately, that wasn't the case.

The good thing is that Wigamog is in a prime location with beautiful infrastructure. Its patio has a million-dollar view, its restaurant is perfect for group events and concerts and its rooms can easily be brought up to standard.

Wigamog is an important institution in Haliburton.

Others like it have been preserved over time (Sir Sam's, Pinestone, Martinwood) to maintain their place in the cultural landscape.

A similar rejuvenation, perhaps with new ownership, is the resort's best hope.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



January thaw

photo by Darren Lum

## Happiness

**M**Y DAUGHTER AND I are going with Heritage Ballet to visit Milan, Paris and Copenhagen in February. Eight kids and four adults are going for 14 days.

The purpose of the trip is to study ballet in the three countries (we will go to a ballet in each city) and the kids will take ballet lessons at the Pavlova International Ballet School in Bergamo. We will also do lots of sightseeing and will be staying in hostels where we will likely meet travellers from around the world.

The kids have been fundraising and getting prepared for the past year and now the trip is 16 days away. We are so excited. It has been such a great learning experience for my daughter as she has volunteered at many bake sales, car washes, spaghetti dinners, etc., to raise money to cover her costs.

She has learned about saving, goal setting and working hard for something you want to do. It has been a great experience and we haven't even left the country yet.

At this point, we are focused on learning a bit about the countries we will be visiting. Madeline is especially excited to go to Copenhagen because we have a friend (a former Rotary exchange student, Armita Afshari, who was here in Haliburton in 1997) we are going to see.

Copenhagen is a very interesting place to read and learn about. Denmark has been ranked many times as the happiest nation in the world.

A recent survey was done for the first-ever World Happiness Report, commissioned for the UN Conference on Happiness, in April 2012.

"The 158-page report, published by the Earth Institute ... found that the happiest countries are all in Northern Europe – Denmark, Finland, Norway and the Netherlands," the website for the country of Denmark reads.

"The life evaluation score takes a range of factors into account including political freedom, government corruption, health, and family and job security. According to the findings in the report, it is not just wealth that makes people happy," it reads.

I always read these things with a grain of salt and I have to wonder if Haliburton was

included in the survey.

But I do think it is interesting to consider how a culture of happiness is fostered and developed and aspired to. It is something I think we all want.

When Armita lived with my husband and I, I remember her talking about how socializing and being with friends was more important than owning a big house or big car in Denmark.

She also talked to us about the fact that in Copenhagen, people are very environmentally conscious. Thirty-five per cent of people in Copenhagen ride their bikes to work – that is 500,000 daily cyclists!

Armita talked about how they take care of their seniors, everyone can go to university and that Danes pay high taxes.

So there are tradeoffs.

This kind of travel is so educational for my daughter and I look forward to learning about Denmark and the other countries while I am there. I know I'll be having a very happy time!



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## Slot sizes work

**L**AST WEDNESDAY, I went fishing on a lake where a slot size was in effect. For those of you who don't ice fish, this term describes a size range – in this case, 40 to 55 centimetres. And any fish of the designated species – in this case, lake trout – whose length falls within that range must be released.

The theory is that these "slot sized" fish are prime breeders and returning them will ensure healthy populations in years to come. In my experience, this management technique works well.

But what if the fish you catch is ugly?

That's what happened to me last week. I caught one in the slot size that clearly had no chance of breeding.

Don't get me wrong, I put it back. The law, after all, is the law.

But I couldn't help think that this fish was probably still a virgin and would always be one. He was awkward, gangly, shy, a poor conversationalist, physically unattractive, with big bulging eyes and a balding head. I also suspect he drove a mini-van.

In short, he didn't stand a chance as a breeder.



**Steve Galea**  
Loon Tales

Taking him out of the gene pool would have caused no harm to the population.

Still, I have a soft spot for creatures like that. And, more than anything, I believe in love – not the love that lasts for 24-hours either. No, I believe in a strong and everlasting love between consenting fish in the slot size – a love that transcends looks.

Maybe I've been reading too many romance novels (if A.J. McLane's *The Practical Fly Fisherman* can be considered one) but even as I released that fish, I was hoping that he would find his soul mate.

If so, I'd like to think I played a part in this.

Here's the scenario as I envision it.

He returns to the reef and immediately bumps into a female trout carrying an armful of paper. The collision sends documents flying everywhere. He clumsily apologizes and helps her collect them.

She introduces herself and he does too. Sweating a bit, he removes his glasses. Then she says something like, "You have nice eyes, Steve." I mean, "You have nice eyes."

He blushes and divulges that he's had a hard day. Then he wonders aloud if there is something more to life than his cats. The mere mention of cats gets her all excited because – what are the odds? – she loves cats too.

Next thing you know, they're lost in conversation and laughter. Suddenly, she remembers an appointment and swims off before he builds the nerve to ask her out or get her number.

He waits at the spot where they first met for several weeks after that – which isn't weird – hoping to see her again. Once, he thinks he caught a fleeting glimpse of her on the subway. Other than that, however, he has no luck.

Then one day, while cruising down the street, he sees her swimming and holding fins with her boyfriend – a fish he knows is a huge jerk.

He tries to be noble, but eventually he confronts her and says, "What are you doing? He's no good for you! You deserve better!"

"I know that!" she cries. "But who?"

And then he looks her in the eye and she sees something she never saw before. That's right, a blue and silver Little Cleo jigging seductively near her.

And she takes it.

Lucky for me, she is a keeper, just over the slot size. As for him, well, he meets her shy sister at the funeral and they go on to have plenty of offspring.

Thus proving, once and for all, that slot sizes work.



pic of the past

**L**akeview Senior Public School 1971-72 Grade 8B. Teacher Margaret Sisson. Back row, from left to right, Grant Wallace, Leo Henry, John Coneybeare, Alan Dunec, Larry Sicard, Paul McCrea, Steve Wood, Dick Burke, Tom Roberts and Wayne Smith. Middle row, from left to right, Greg Bishop, Cleve Shaw, Steve Colliver, Carl Dixon, Pertter Leighton, Ernie Cooper, Joe Iles, Bill Stamp, Susan Wolm, Cathy McColl and Debbie Scott. Front row, from left to right, Ruby Madill, Marlene Cook, Nancy Bannon, Janice Mulholland, Linda Barjow, Mary Anne? J'Nan Sisson, Jennifer MacInnes, Ann Wise and Nancy? Submitted by Jennifer MacInnes

## letters to the editor

# Stupid, uncaring and inhumane

**To the Editor,**

Regarding the wolf incident at Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre.

Only an incredibly stupid, uncaring individual could have committed such an act.

I think one can be reasonably sure whoever this person is [who released the wolves], he is the one who also shot the wolves.

I don't know any gun owners who routinely carry loaded firearms around in their vehicle in anticipation of needing to use them.

Maybe we should add a hunting season for stupid people to the existing hunting seasons, there are simply getting to be too many of them.

**Keith W. Stata**  
Kinmount

## A little bit of history of wolves

**To The Editor,**

The ongoing tragedy/criminal act at the Haliburton Forest has rekindled bitter and angry "people memories" for me.

In 1984, R.D. Lawrence and I returned to the Yukon Territory to monitor the aerial shooting of wolves, government programs conducted in British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon.

We went as observers, but soon found ourselves rescuing two wolf pups, because an alpha female had been shot in the belly, and was unable to feed her offspring.

Four of the six pups starved to death.

We returned immediately to our wilderness property in the Haliburton Highlands.

The pups, Tundra and Taiga miraculously survived and thrived.

After threats to burn our house down, shoot the wolves and drive us out of the County, we decided that we needed to educate the public about *canis lupus*. Read *In Praise of Wolves*, *Secret Go The Wolves*, *Trail of the Wolf*, *Wolves* and *Cry Wild*.

For more than 20 years we ran a sanctuary in Highlands East where we raised and released injured and orphaned wildlife including 11 wolves

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# Chairperson says Ontario College of Trades not a cash grab

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The chairman of the board of governors of the Ontario College of Trades is decrying attacks on the organization by Ontario's Progressive Conservatives.

Created by the McGuinty government in 2009, the college regulates skilled trades in the province and was designed to set training standards, conduct research on and promote the skilled trades and review journeyman-to-apprentice ratios.

In April, it will be signing up members.

In December, Simcoe North MPP and PC critic for skilled trades and apprenticeship reform Garfield Dunlop visited members of the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association, where he criticized the college for being a cash grab by the government and promising to

abolish it if his party is put in power.

"There's certainly a lot of misinformation being spread, which is unfortunate," said Ron Johnson, who heads up the college's board of governors. "To call it a tax is blatantly unfair and untrue. It is a membership fee for the college, no different than the other 44 regulatory bodies that all have regulatory fees."

Johnson said that fees will be mandatory for those in 22 of the province's 157 trades and said employers do not have to join, although Johnson believes it to be in their best interest to do so.

"[Dunlop] often says that it's going to drive up the cost of construction," he continued. "The construction industry in Ontario is \$40 billion a year. The membership fees for members for the construction side are \$7 million. To suggest that \$7 million is going to have any impact whatsoever on a \$40 billion industry is absurd. It's like taking a bucket of water out of Lake Erie and thinking the water

level will drop."

The PCs have also been calling for the journeyman-to-apprentice ratio in Ontario to drop to one-to-one as it is in some provinces, instead of three-to-one.

Johnson said ratios for each trade will be set by a panel of adjudicators chosen by the government that will hear from those in the industry. The ratios are to be re-evaluated every four years.

"It's completely industry driven," he said. "No longer does the industry have to wait for some bureaucrat or politician to make a decision for us."

Johnson, himself a former PC MP, noted that the provincial PCs hadn't done anything about the ratio when they were in power and said the PCs were attempting to make the college a union/non-union issue when it's not.

"It's fear-mongering, it's irresponsible and quite frankly, it's petty politics," he said.

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Above, wild turkeys photographed by Brenda Dovell in Gooderham on Jan. 6.

Right, Jamie Evans of Wilberforce took this photo of a barred owl perched on a tree branch.



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## Spaghetti success

Volunteers, left, serve at the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the Good Food Box and Heritage Ballet at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton on Saturday, Jan. 19. Facilitated by the Haliburton and District Lions Club (assisted by Heritage Ballet), the event drew 154 patrons who helped to raise \$800 (\$600 for food box and \$200 for ballet). Entertainment featured country legend Johnny Burke with Ryan VanLieshout. Todd's Independent Grocer donated desserts.



# Haliburton Lions Club hosts first polar bear challenge

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Lions Club is looking for brave souls to don their Speedos this February.

On Feb. 16, the club will be hosting the first ever Polar Bear Challenge in Haliburton and is looking for enthusiastic people to join the cause.

Similar to polar bear dips in other communities, the Polar Bear Challenge will include entering the icy waters wearing nothing but a bathing suit.

The fundraiser will be hosted in conjunction with Frost Fest, an annual event put on by the Haliburton Business Improvement Area in Head Lake Park.

Registration will take place at 12:30 p.m. at Rotary Beach, where a club headquarters will be set up for participants to check-in, bringing with them their pledge form and pledges, said Lions Club president Jim Frost.

The Lions will also be organizing a barbecue at the headquarters location, from 12 to 3 p.m.

At 1 p.m. those who are brave enough will be running into the frigid waters of Head Lake.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan, along with volunteer firefighters, have agreed to bring chainsaws to cut a square into the ice to allow people access to the water.

Emergency Medical Services along with the Algonquin Highlands fire department, which specialize in underwater rescue, will be on standby at the event.

Canoe FM radio personality Mike Jaycock will be the event's MC, introducing each participant and team.

"We're hoping to get some teams, like the firefighters or a hockey team. That sort of thing," Frost said.

One participant who has already been collecting pledges is Ron Murphy, produc-

tion co-ordinator at Canoe FM.

"As soon as I heard about it I thought 'I'm going to do that,'" he said.

To date, Murphy has raised close to \$400, using social media websites such as Facebook to get the word out.

Murphy has never done an event like this before and is not sure what to expect.

"I'm just afraid I'll be the only one there and then everyone will know it was me screaming like a girl," he said.

Murphy is hoping to raise \$600.

Funds will go to the Hospital for Sick Children, specifically to a new ophthalmology clinic.

In its history, the club has supported many eye-related causes, such as free vision screenings at local elementary schools, Frost said.

"Lions Clubs across Ontario agreed to try and raise \$1.3 million [for the clinic], so this is our club's small part of that," he said.

"Nobody seems to know of any event like this in Haliburton before."

The club has also arranged to have school buses on hand, courtesy of First Student Canada.

The heated vehicles will give participants a place to change and warm up, before or after the dip.

"They should come with their swimsuit on underneath layers of clothing," Frost said.


Those interested are encouraged to pick-up a pledge form and bring it and their collected funds to the event on the 16th.

Pledge forms are available at Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre and Cranberry Cottage.

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

Wetsuits aren't allowed.

"That's taking away the fun," Frost said.



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# Teachers protest bill at MPP's office

**Dave Flaherty**  
QMI Agency

Members of the local chapter of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) took their beef to the streets on Wednesday, Jan. 16. High school teachers staged a protest in front of the office of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

Peter Carroll, president of the Trillium Lakelands Local 15 of the OSSTF, said they were expecting more than 100 members for the one-hour protest. They were joined by members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, among others.

"It's great to have them supporting us," Carroll said. "The purpose of this protest is to send a message to local MPPs and the Liberal government of Ontario," Carroll said. Although Bill 115 was created by the Liberals, the union leader said it wouldn't have passed without the votes of Conservative MPPs, adding, "some of whom said the bill should have been even stronger."

Carroll said they haven't had any formal communication with Scott since the passing of Bill 115 because their provincial executives have been handling that, something he said is "likely to change."

Scott said Thursday the Conservatives supported Bill 115 for two reasons: the two-year pay freeze and "for peace in the schools."

"It wasn't perfect," Scott said, but the party wanted to make sure there were no labour disruptions.

She believes both the unions and the teachers mishandled labour negotiations and the students are the ones who have been suffering.

"It's been unfair to the parents and students, who shouldn't have been put in the middle between unions and the government."

She said the lack of extracurricular activities have been "a lightning rod" for criticism of the union. Carroll said once the government has taken action on the matter to their satisfaction, he believes teachers would be "interested in and wanting to return to their volunteer activities."

Scott said teachers need to be more involved with their



**Dave Flaherty** QMI Agency

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union.

"It costs a lot of money to go to the Ontario Labour Relations Board, I wonder if teachers are happy with their union dues going towards that," she said.

Scott said the Conservatives are working on a labour white paper, which looks at the possibility of voluntary union

memberships and labour law reform, which can be read at [www.ontariopc.com/paths-to-prosperity/flexible-labour-markets](http://www.ontariopc.com/paths-to-prosperity/flexible-labour-markets).

OSSTF members in the Trillium Lakelands district also held a protest at the office of Norm Miller, Conservative MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka Wednesday afternoon.

## Labour action hurts outdoor education, staff says

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

While the lack of extracurricular activities at Ontario's public schools has clear ramifications for students, what might not be as clear is the impact it's having on area businesses, particularly those that specialize in outdoor education.

A number of the county's businesses say the labour action being taken by the unions in response to Bill 115, which freezes pay, reduces benefits and removes teachers' right to strike, means their traffic numbers are down.

In some cases, it is resulting in loss of work for their employees.

"I imagine we're the same as most outdoor education centres as we've seen virtually all school groups cancel," said Jim McHardy, director of the Kinark Outdoor Centre outside of Carnarvon. "That's meant that obviously our activity levels have gone down dramatically and less revenue and less employment opportunities for our staff, particularly those part-time staff."

McHardy said most of the centre's employees, from those in food service to maintenance workers, are looking at reduced hours.

The centre is opened mostly on weekends only, when it hosts programming for families with autistic members.

Some staff are making visits to schools through the centre's No Child Left Inside program, for which it received a grant.

"The local school board is incredibly supportive," McHardy said. "The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has always supported outdoor ed."

While the centre employs up to 50 people in the summer, during the rest of the year it has about 15 staff.

Aside from the labour action, McHardy said the centre has been experiencing decreasing traffic during the winter in recent years, which he attributes to a shrinking student population, increased transportation costs and the fact that secondary school teachers who take a group of students out for the day need to be replaced by a substitute at their school.

At Camp Wanakita, director Andy Gruppe told the paper the facility had lost about half of its usual winter groups.

"A lot of these teachers have been coming for a long time and are really supportive of the place," Gruppe said.

The camp typically has about 2,500 students attend during the winter. This year, that number will be about 1,250, Gruppe said, with students from private and Catholic schools still coming to take part in activities.

There will be lost working hours for staff at the camp, from support staff to food services "and most particularly the program staff that are hired to work with these groups."

Haliburton Forest is also being impacted by the lack of school field trips.

"We did have a group that came up last week because deposits were already prepaid," said manager Dave Bishop, adding that other visits had been cancelled. "It will have a substantial effect on the outdoor education program here at Haliburton Forest. This is a portion of our outdoor ed, not all of it."

Bishop believes the effects of the standoff between the teachers' unions and the provincial government will be long-lasting.

"We have to look at this for more than the winter," he said. "This is going to last upwards of two years."

Bishop said he didn't yet know how staffing might be affected, but said reduced hours or layoffs may be a possibility.

Biologist Irene Heaven, whose Out to Learn business offers educational programming for children, said she will likely experience a 10 to 15 per cent drop.

In what outdoor educator Barrie Martin called a "grand irony," the stoppage of extracurricular activities also comes in a year where the education ministry allotted \$20 million that school boards could apply for to be used for outdoor educational activities.

"This is the first time in a long time the ministry's realized the value of outdoor education and that we need to connect kids with the outdoors," said Martin, who spent 28 years with the Frost Centre and owns Yours Outdoors.



# Report offers snippets of Haliburton history

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Life in Haliburton County has always been about the land – though the use of that land is rapidly changing.

From small subsistence farming to recreational boating, the geography has played a major role in who lives here and why.

In a recent report from the University of Toronto, Sali Tagliamonte and Martin Sneath from the linguistics department have recorded small pieces of what life was once like in the Highlands through more than 30 interviews with local people.

Not surprisingly, the stories the researchers heard centred on the outdoors – hunting, fishing, farming, logging, hockey, gardening – along with other social aspects of life like family, school and music.

“Haliburton was a ‘gold mine’ of stories and personal histories,” Tagliamonte told the paper in an email.

“We even had the opportunity to interview four war brides about their experiences in adjusting to the Canadian culture in Haliburton back in the old days after World War Two.”

The pair conducted interviews around

the county in May, 2012, looking for rural Ontario speech patterns and sayings, through storytelling.

To give back to the community, those recorded stories were given back in a report called *Home in Haliburton: A Grassroots Perspective*, which is available at the Minden and Haliburton library branches.

The slim volume is a collection of anecdotes covering topics both serious and humorous.

“Haying was the busiest time,” a male subject, 84, is quoted as saying in the book.

“That was when you start cutting hay and in those times the hay balers didn’t have something that threw it up into the wagon. You dropped it and you had to throw it back onto the wagon or you stoked it and left it standing.”

A 73-year-old man said: “Then we kept sows, horses. There was no such thing as a tractor in them days. She was all hand-bombed, was all work.”

Stories are written verbatim and names, though listed in the front, are not attached to individual stories to preserve anonymity.

“We used to pick raspberries, used to be thick ... And we’d go down there with our buckets and have a belt with a pail so you could pick with both hands. And

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**We even had the opportunity to interview four war brides about their experiences in adjusting to the Canadian culture in Haliburton back in the old days after World War Two.**

— Sali Tagliamonte

you always worried about bears coming around,” a 54-year-old man told the researchers.

These types of stories are quickly becoming part of Haliburton’s past, Tagliamonte said.

“Small mixed farming was a way of life in the early days of Haliburton. We learned so much about how people banded together and helped each other. The stories we heard are really a legacy for future generations. This type of world will probably never come again,” she wrote to the paper.

Other stories detail hunting excursions, logging practices and community cele-

brations.

Tagliamonte said reception from Haliburtonians was warm, though she wishes she could have connected with high school students.

One of the people she interviewed, Lou Hodgson, has since died, reminding Tagliamonte of how important it is to capture memories of times past.

“His stories of hunting, trapping and some great experiences with fishing and bears are now recorded for posterity. This is rich material and it champions the elders of Haliburton. I feel very privileged to have played a small part in it,” she said.

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# Bears' Lair is looking for entrepreneurs

**Sarah Deed**  
QMI Agency

Budding and established entrepreneurs mulling over a new business idea may want to start working on those plans. The third annual Bears' Lair business competition begins Feb. 1. It's the region's version of the popular CBC show *Dragons' Den*, a chance for new and established business owners to test out a new business idea or expansion plan. It's run by the Workplace Development Board.

The winner walks away with at least \$5,000 and a prize package that includes a computer system, wardrobe advice, a website, social media coaching and printing materials. Previous competitions had several rounds in regions that included Haliburton, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland.

This year's competition, co-chairwoman Tia Star explained, still encompasses those regions. But instead of several small competitions leading up to a grand finale there's one round before five or six judges choose seven finalists for the Market Hall finale on April 25.

All submissions are also going to be made through Facebook. As of Feb. 1 contestants can load a photo of their idea onto the Bear's Lair page, and write a brief synopsis underneath. But, Star explains, you don't necessarily have to show a picture of your product or explain your idea.

"You could write, 'I have a secret idea, find out what it is at Bear's Lair,'" she said.

Contestants are also required to create videos that will then be posted on a private YouTube channel. Star said only the judges will be able to see the videos.

"If you have a truly great business idea, you don't want everyone to see it," she said.

Organizers are still finalizing much of the criteria for the videos and hashing out a few smaller points of the competition.

Co-chairwoman Sofie Andreou said the Facebook page will contain links and tutorials on how to create and submit the videos.

Moving everything online helps organizers save a little money. Andreou also pointed out that they wanted to attract entrepreneurs of all ages this year, particularly young people.

The competition is open to everyone. Star said it makes no difference if you've got a great idea for a new business or already own a business and are looking to branch out.

There are no barriers when it comes to business ideas (so long as the idea is legal).

"It just has to be a good idea," Star said. "We're open to anything, as long as there's opportunity for growth."

Star won Bears' Lair last year, for her plan to turn her online women's wear boutique into a real store downtown.

The shop, Tia Star boutique, is located on Hunter Street. Her win was crucial to her expansion, she said. The contest also exposes up-and-coming business owners to services that are there to help them, Andreou said. Small business enterprise centres in each region have offered to coach contestants dur-



Peterborough finalist Tia Star of TiaStar.com smiles after being declared the winner at the grand finale of the Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition on Saturday, May 12 at Showplace on George Street in Peterborough. She beat Haliburton County's contestant Sarah Coombs. Clifford Skarstedt QMI Agency

ing the contest. The contest closes March 20. The seven finalists will be announced March 25. From there, they have one month to get ready for the big finale.

They'll receive some pretty intense coaching and advice, Andreou said, and have to make a three-minute presentation at an April

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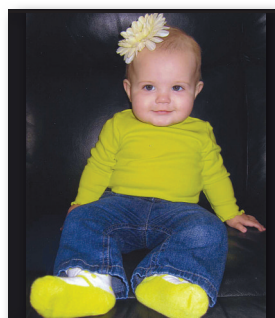


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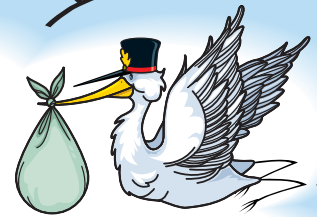
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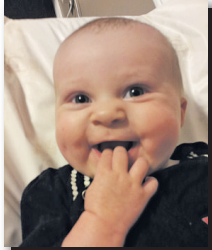


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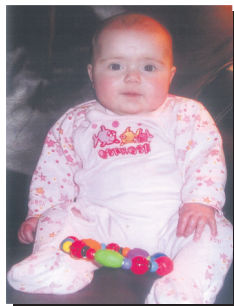


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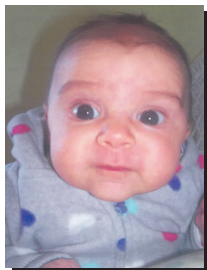


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# Discovering Smith Forest



For close to two hours, hikers followed an old hiking trail, blazed by girl guides years before, in the Smith Forest Nature Reserve. The hike was facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust on Monday, Jan. 14. The warm temperatures caused the switch from snowshoeing to hiking. Hikers were given a rare tour to the Smith Forest, a 77-acre mature sugar maple and basswood forest. This is part of the series Nature in the Hood: Discovery Days. Pre-registration is required, but events are free (unless otherwise stated) and open to all ages. Contact [admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or call 705-457-3700.

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Hikers scan the horizon at the shoreline of Burnt River at the Smith Forest, one of the land trust's protected properties.



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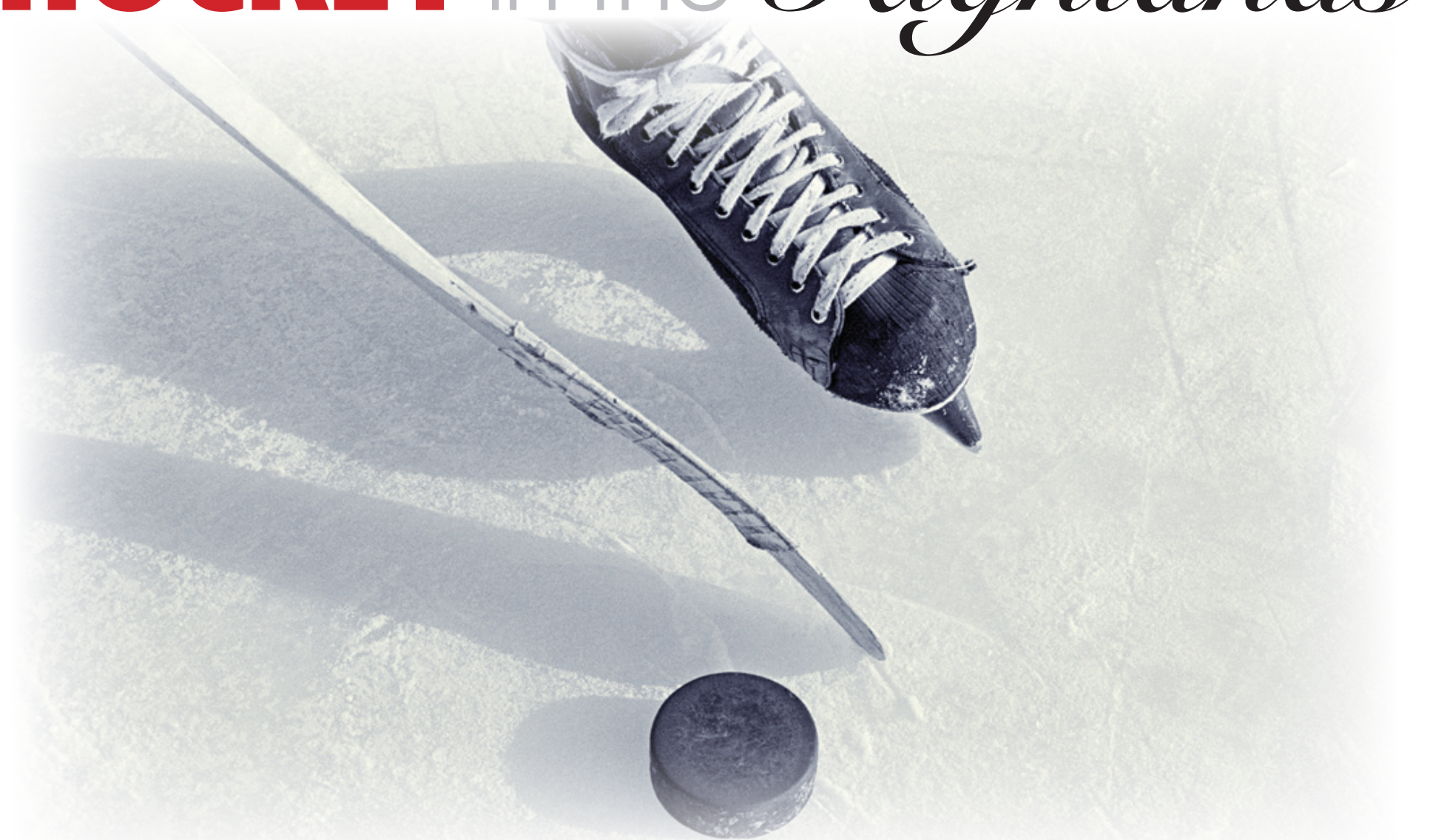
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# Home Builders' tourney benefits food banks

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

After 14 years, the Haliburton County food banks have never been let down by the Haliburton County Home Builders Association Hockey Tournament.

Since 1999, the event, which draws several hundred players from all over the province, has raised more than \$25,000 for the food banks.

The association's executive officer and event organizer Aggie Tose said although it has always been part of her job to co-ordinate the event, she never forgets its importance.

"It's always a fun time. Over the last 14 years we've raised a substantial number of dollars for the 4Cs [in Haliburton] and the Minden Food Bank so like everybody else we're trying to do our part to make it a little easier for them," Tose said.

Wade Woodward is credited for presenting the idea to the executive.

This event started, Tose said, because "many of the 'original' home builder members were hockey players and it seemed like a simple way to encourage home builders to work together."

The home builders "took on the food banks right from the beginning as their beneficiary for all charity events. There are so many deserving groups who are looking for assistance but the members felt they could do more good for the community if they concentrated on one group. The food banks are not limited to any one community as our membership is not either so we make perfect partners."

The manager of the Minden Food Bank Joanne Barnes said it's these types of events that enable her to serve the community.

"Without the donations and all this extra help we wouldn't be able to help near as many people. We have a huge number of people needing help," she said.

The need is constant. With the food bank since 2007, Barnes has seen the need grow in the last three years. Before that, demand was mostly seasonal.

"We take in as many new people in the summer as we do in the winter now," she said.

There are close to 250 families registered and between 100 and 130 families a month using the food bank. It used to be between 75 and 100 families three years ago.

"There's a core list of products we buy. Those are just

the basics and when we have these fundraisers we [buy] all these other foods and we're able to give people a variety, which normally they wouldn't see so that's a real benefit," she said.

Barnes said they are always in need of cereal, children's lunch food including fruit juice boxes, fruit cups and cheese snacks.

Judy MacDuff, who has volunteered with the 4Cs food bank in Haliburton since 1995 and is now its treasurer, has seen the benefits first-hand.

The money not only goes to food, but also other initiatives such as the energy program, which helps with hydro and oil bills.

This year's event boasts 16 teams in three divisions (Home Builders, Open and Over 35) with close to 200 players.

The annual tournament is at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden and starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 and continues the rest of the weekend ending with finals on Sunday, Jan. 27.

Email [info@hchba.ca](mailto:info@hchba.ca) for more information.

## Notable teams

In the Home Builders' division, the Burtch Construction team has won the title seven times since 2002. Gary Burtch's son, Andrew, entered his own team in 2007, the G's Unit. They have won the division four times since.

The Misfits and the Minden Mallards, both local teams, have been perennial powerhouses and have shared the Open Division titles.

Organizers credit the out-of-town teams such as (Joe's) Ragin Bisons, (Scott's) Mitt Lickers, Hamilton Home Builders Association and The Dominion (of Canada Insurance Company), including local teams (Steve's) Churko Electric, Haliburton Realtors, (Derek's) Dukes, (Ritchie's) TBDTEA team and (Mike's) Royal Foodland for their participation.

New this year is (Anthony's) The Piners, (Chris's) Tomahawks, (Don's) Southern and (Kevin's) Royals.



## Home Builders Charity Hockey Tournament Schedule

**January 25 – 27, 2013**

**All games are at the Minden Arena**

### Friday, January 25th

1 7 p.m. HB G's Unit Vs Tbdtea  
2 8 p.m. O35 The Piners Vs Haliburton Realtors  
3 9 p.m. HB The Dominion Vs Hhhba  
4 10 p.m. OP Minden Mallards Vs Mitt Lickers  
5 11 p.m. O35 Royal Foodland Vs Tomahawks

### Saturday, January 26th

6 7 a.m. OP Dukes Vs Royals  
7 8 a.m. O35 Churko Electric Vs Southern  
8 9 a.m. OP Mitt Lickers Vs Ragin Bisons  
9 10 a.m. HB The Dominion Vs Puck Up  
10 11 a.m. O35 Royal Foodland Vs Haliburton Realtors  
11 12 a.m. HB G's Unit Vs Hhhba  
12 1 p.m. OP Minden Mallards Vs Dukes  
13 2 p.m. O35 The Piners Vs Southern

14 3 p.m. O35 Churko Electric Vs Tomahawks  
15 4 p.m. HB Tbdtea Vs Puck Up  
16 5 p.m. OP Royals Vs Ragin Bisons

Minor Hockey Playoff Game (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)  
Playoff 17 8 p.m. Hb 2nd Place Vs 3rd Place - Winner To A Final  
Playoff 18 9 p.m. Op 2nd Place Vs 3rd Place - Winner To A Final  
"C" Final 19 10 p.m. O35 5 Place Vs 6 Place

### Sunday, January 27th

"B" Final 20 8 a.m. O35 B - Over 35 Final - 3rd Place Vs 4th Place  
"B" Final 21 9 a.m. Hb B - Home Builder Final - 4th Place Vs 5th Place  
"B" Final 22 10 a.m. Op B - Open Final - 4th Place Vs 5th Place  
"A" Final 23 11 a.m. O35 A - Over 35 Final - 1st Place Vs 2nd Place  
"A" Final 24 12 p.m. Hb A - Home Builder Final (1 Vs Win-

ner Of Game 17)

"A" Final 25 1 p.m. Op A - Open Final (1 Vs Winner Of Game 18)

### Divisions

#### Home Builder Open

1 G's Unit 1 Minden Mallards  
2 TBDTEA 2 Ragin Bisons  
3 The Dominion 3 Mitt Lickers  
4 Hamilton Hammers 4 Dukes  
5 Pucker Up 5 Royals

#### Over 35

1 Churko Electric  
2 Haliburton Realtors  
3 The Piners  
4 Southern  
5 Royal Foodland  
6 Tomahawks

Note: Games are free to watch, except the Storm game on Saturday at 6 p.m.





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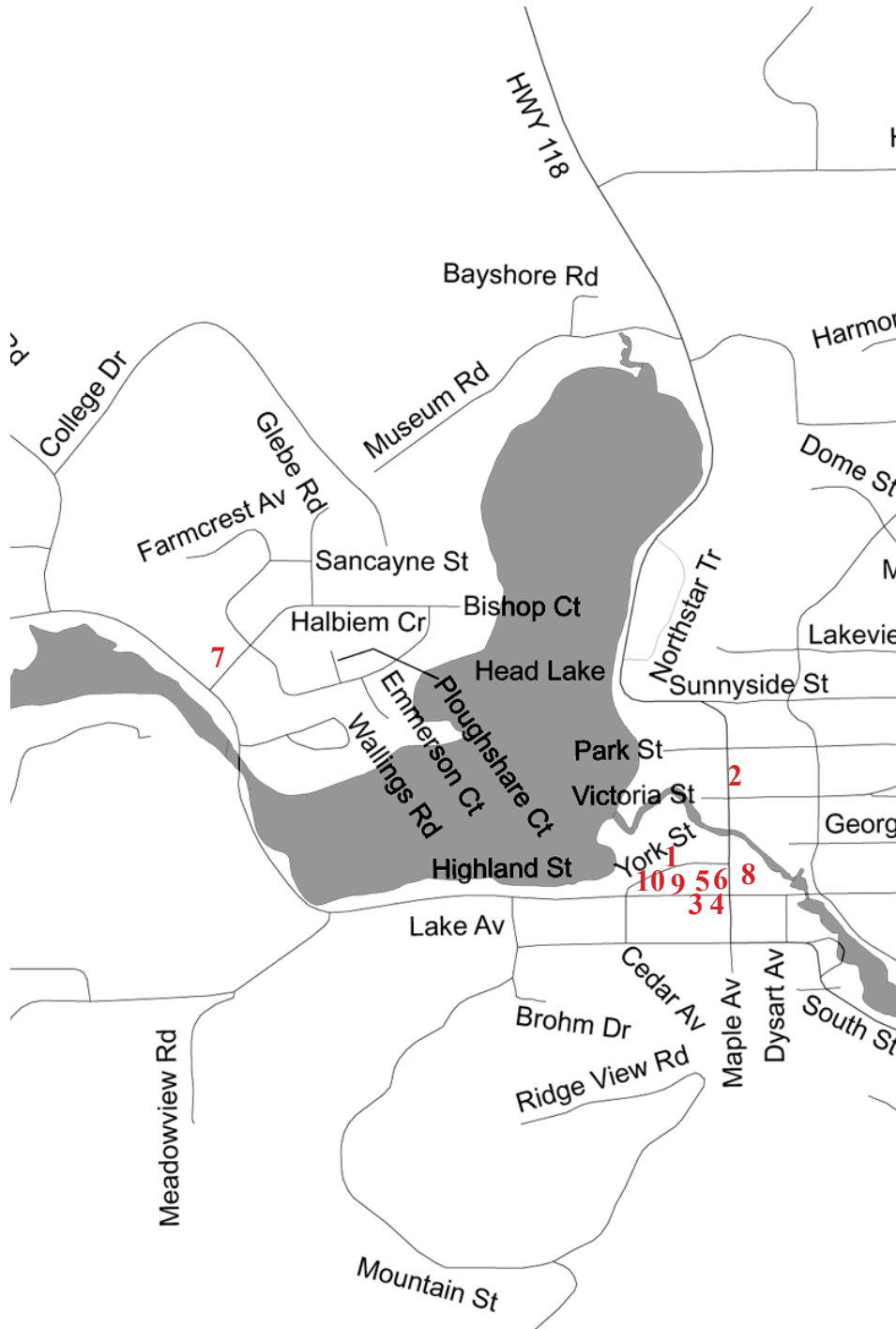
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# Pond hockey ignites Canadian tradition

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Come this weekend, Haliburton will host a Canadian winter fantasy.

With hockey players of every type skating, passing and shooting pucks, Head Lake and the pond in front of the Pinestone Resort will be a showcase of Canadiana with the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships Jan. 25 to 27 and Feb. 1 to 3. Although last year the event was cancelled, mainly due to weather, it has returned, leaving behind Huntsville for the Haliburton Highlands for the first time since it started in 2006.

Founder Neil Lumsden appreciated the volunteer efforts in Muskoka, but thinks the Highlands offers less of a corporate atmosphere and more of a community one.

"It extends even further into the community and I think when it comes to building an event that will last ... the idea is to find the location we have ... it's limitless other than the weather," he said.

Lumsden co-founded the event with Mark DeNobile and Dorian Andrewes. The inaugural event was at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville seven years ago. It drew 110 men's teams and 20 women's teams from seven provinces and five U.S. states. The event grew from there.

By 2007, the event expanded to two weekends to accommodate growing popularity. Teams have come from the U.S., Scotland and as far as Japan.

Games have two 15-minute halves and are monitored by an off-ice official. Without any offsides and icings, the game is a free-flowing affair (with no body-checking) involving four players a side sans goalies. Teams are allowed two substitutes that can be switched on the fly. Equipment is at a minimum with just skates, sticks, hockey gloves, shin guards, helmets and sometimes elbow pads. Goals can only be scored from within the attacking zone. Former NHLers the likes of Steve Larmer, Bryan Trottier, Scott Thornton, Brad Delgarno, Gary Leeman and Vincent Damphousse have played, as well as musician Jim Cuddy. Walter Gretzky has been an honorary member. This year's honorary chairperson is Walt McKechnie. Lumsden is a former CFL player, who played for the Toronto Argonauts, Edmonton Eskimos and the Hamilton Ticats. He said sport, like this event, has always been about the people more than anything else.

"When it's all said and done you don't remember who scored the goals. You remember who you were playing with. So, the people you meet in sport are what's really important," he said. "I met and got to know a lot of really great people that



**Darren Lum** Staff

The Trailer Park Boys Scott Neilson, from front left, Brad Park, Jeff Wilson, Jesse Johnson and Ryan Wood is the only Haliburton entry at this year's Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton. This is the team's first entry to the national championship. They will play this weekend starting on Friday at 1 p.m. and 4:20 p.m. on Head Lake and 8 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. at the Pinestone Resort on Saturday. Finals are Sunday. Absent is Jeremy Miscio. There is a Minden team, The Kash Raiders, led by Jamie Walker in the Greybeards (+50) division.

played and continue to play in this event. So, for me that is a highlight."

He's reminded of a year when ice conditions deteriorated because of warm temperatures.

As Lumsden was making the call to stop play, he remembers a guy came up to him.

"Look, this is pond hockey. Don't worry about it. It's not going to be perfect," the man said.

"So, everyone took their skates off and put their boots on

and played like [it was] street hockey," Lumsden remembers.

It was a testament to the kind of people drawn to this event.

This event is more than just a game. It goes deeper.

"Once you get here and play it's kind of special. And that to me ... to watch people play and enjoy, that's all I need," he said.

On Friday night McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton will host an event scheduled for 9 p.m. Confirm with McKecks ahead of time by calling 705-854-0012.

Close to 2,000 players are expected to come to Haliburton County over the next two weekends. Left, an aerial view of the rinks made for last year's Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Huntsville.





# A nostalgic twist on Scotty Morrison showcase game

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

When the idea for a Red Hawks/Redmen hockey alumni game was just a seed of an idea no one was sure if anything would come of it.

Now there is great excitement for the pair of Saturday evening games in the Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament Feb. 1 to 3 in Minden.

The first game at 7 p.m. will showcase the younger set of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) alumni from 1998 to 2011 teams. The second game at 8:30 p.m. will feature Redmen teams from 1987 to 1999. Rosters bring together brothers such as the Morrisettes, the Billings and the Joanus, to name a few.

It promises to be a great showcase of Haliburton County hockey talent from the last couple of decades.

Current Red Hawks coach Ron Yake, who has been at the school since 1988, will helm the 1987 to 1999 Redmen team.

"I am looking forward to the alumni games. It will be a great celebration of the friendship and memories of Redmen and Red Hawks hockey played by many students in our county over the past 27 years," he wrote in an email.

Under his leadership, the HHSS have been to the all-provincials three times (2004, 2007 and 2010) and received an Antique Bronze (fourth) in 2004.

Also coaching will be retired HHSS teacher Paul Morissette, current HHSS teacher Bruce Griffith and HHSS principal Dan Marsden. All of them have been part of the coaching staff over the years.

Morissette will coach against Yake. He plans on an all-star-style game where players will be encouraged to free wheel.

The program has always been competitive.

Few teams want to play the Red Hawks, he said, because they know they are in for a hard game. Despite the drive to win, they all exude sportsmanship.

This game will also give Morissette a special opportunity to coach all of his sons (Jason, Kevin, Mark and Mike) at once.

"That'll be fun. I'll make sure all four of them are on the ice together," he said.

People will get to see players from nearly every era of the team.

Morissette adds this tournament is more about the camaraderie and the spirit of sport than trying to win at all costs. A lot of the players, many of whom who haven't played in a while, are looking forward to reminiscing, he said.

At 25, Jesse Johnson, didn't think he was old enough to be included in an alumni game.

Like other fans, Johnson can't wait to see the Morissette twin brothers – a pair of phenoms who went on to play for junior teams. He remembers being a kid in the stands, watching them play.

Jason, 40, the eldest of the four Morissette brothers has already told his wife to get a photo of him and his brothers on the ice. It might be the one and only time.

Now that he is a teacher at the school, he sees pride in HHSS players.

They play for not just the school, but also the county, he said.

He will never forget the social side, meeting and playing with guys from all over the county (an unlikely scenario pre-Highland Storm days).

Jason laughs about emails he's received recently about old friends getting back into shape to avoid embarrassment. Some are squeezing in hill runs in the next few days to avoid the verbal barbs.

"We're not getting any younger," he said, adding it'll all be in good fun.

Walter Tose, who is one of the organizers, credits the alumni games to Brent Flood, a



Scott Morrison, the namesake for the tournament happening in Minden Feb. 1 to 3, stands with an HHSS alumni jacket in Haliburton earlier this year. The tournament will bring together alumni teams to play against each other. Darren Lum File photo

player from the first Redmen team.

Tose said Flood messaged more than 200 alumni from the past 20 years.

After hearing about the idea, Flood didn't hesitate.

"I have participated in the Scotty tourney the past two years knowing that Scotty is a great person and is putting his name to something he truly believes in. Everybody I have been in contact with is very excited to see old friends. Even the people that couldn't make it because of other commitments would have loved to have been here," Flood wrote in an email.

Morrison is a former Highlander of the Year, recognized for contributions to the community. The Scotty Morrison Tournament is an event rooted in love.

Morrison's wife died just days before the first tournament, but he attended anyway

because of the importance Community Care played in his life. He was honoured to have a tournament named after him and has been a staunch supporter of the organization, which supports seniors and people with disabilities in this community.

This event does more than raise money. It also raises the profile of the organization, which offers transportation, home maintenance, home help, friendly visiting, security or reassurance, social recreation, emergency response systems, meals on wheels and the diners' club.

As part of the planning committee, Paul Morissette was excited about the event, but never realized how popular it would be with alumni until the rosters were made last week.

He believes the interest could warrant a repeat performance, possibly annually.

## 5th annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament schedule

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10 p.m. Open Gb Dump Bear Vs Moose Delaney's  
11 p.m. Open Gb Dirty Dawgs Vs Hitmen  
7 p.m. Silent Auction Opens

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

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1 p.m. 35+ Right Wingers Vs Moose Knuckles  
2 p.m. Open Gb Hitmen Vs Dump Bears  
3 p.m. Open Gb Moose Delaney's Vs Dirty Dawgs  
4 p.m. 50+ Wg4 Vs Grimsby Guzzlers  
5 p.m. 35+ Peter North Stars Vs Right Wingers  
6 p.m. 50+ Wg3 Vs Lg4

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**Game 1**

**7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Red Hawks 1998 to 2011**

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**Red Hawks 2002 to 2011**

Ian Sachs (goalie), Jeff Burk, Greg Clements, Matt Clements, Joel Cooper, Matt Eno, Jordan Joanu, Zack Joanu, Jesse Johnson, Derek Nesbitt, Dave Petch, Benji Saunders, Joey Sisson, Adam Tomlinson, Josh Townsend

**Game 2**

**8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

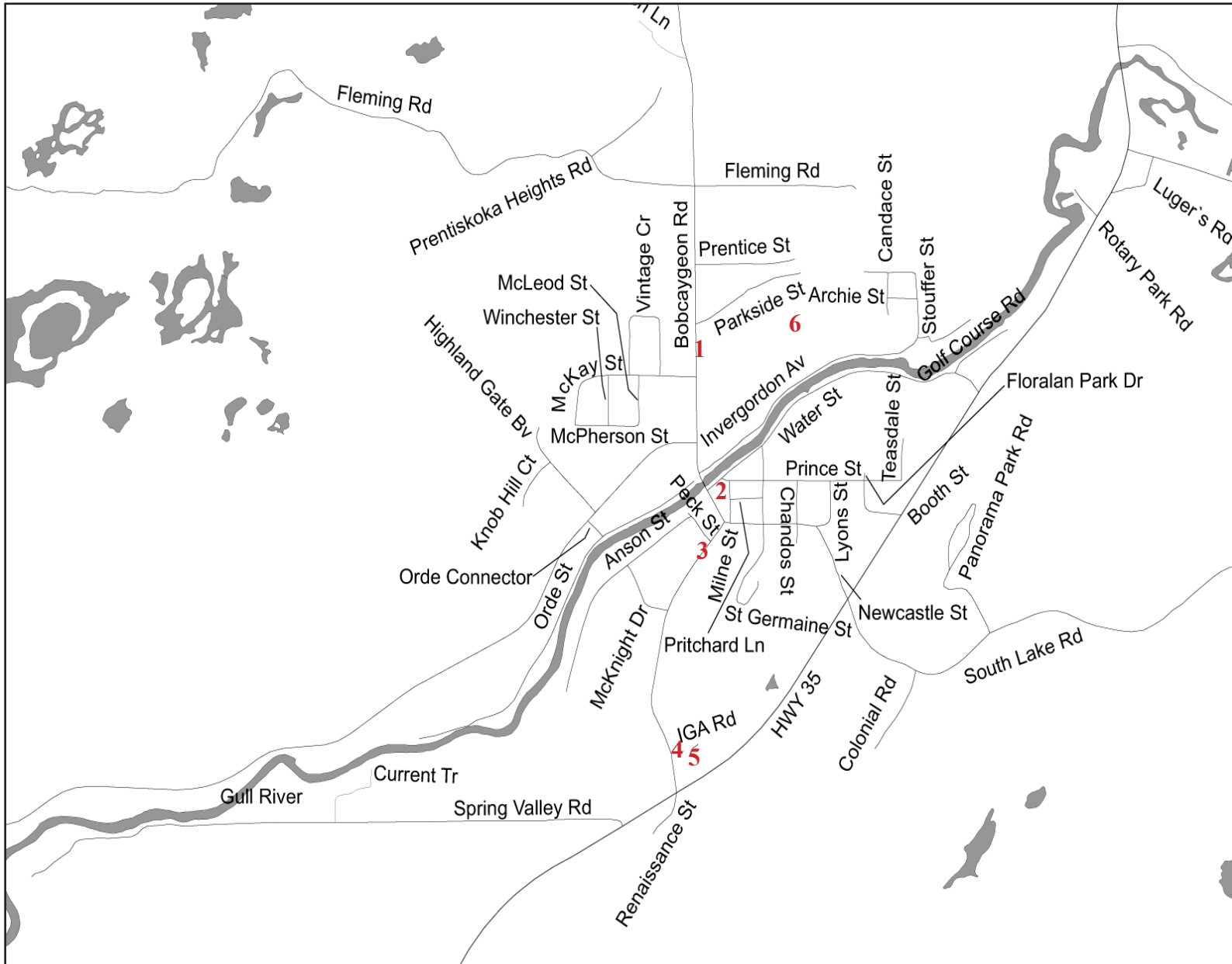
**Redmen 1990 to 1998**

Pete Brohman (goalie), Andy Billings, Brent Flood, Jamie Fryer, Corbie Kent, Gavin McKnight, Jason Morissette, Kevin Morissette, Mark Morissette, Mike Morissette, Jackie Morrison, Shawn Perrin, Ryan Simioni, Mark Stamp, John Vuksic, Brian Waller

**Redmen 1987 to 1999**

Andrew Burk (goalie), Jason Billings, Mike Billings, Jeff Black, Bill Bradley, Greg Brohman, Josh Burk, Corey Casey, Chris Greenfield, Tim Keefer, Darren Mills, Scott Nesbitt, Wyatt Nesbitt, Jeff Popple, Curtis Reynolds





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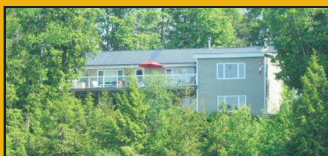
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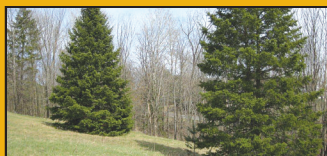
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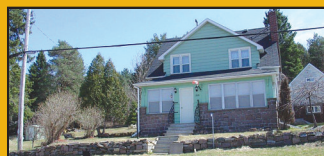
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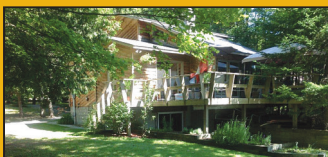
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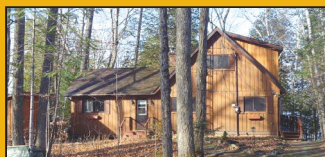
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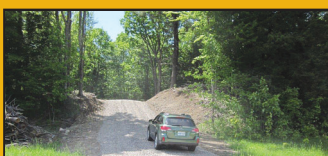
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# Sports

## Lady Luck not on Storm's side

This weekend the Highland Storm Novices hosted the Muskoka Parry Sound League Tournament.

The Storm played Huntsville Otters first thing Saturday morning.

We were able to hold them off for most of the first, however, the Otters managed to score.

Despite great efforts from the entire team, Huntsville beat the Storm 8-0.

The Storm headed out for their second game of the day to face the South Muskoka Bears.

The team came out strong, and held back the Bears for the first period. Our team played hard, however, the Bears scored two goals in the second and another two in the third, to end the game 4-0.

The team was not going to get down. We faced the Port Carling Thunder for our third game.

The Storm was pumped and determined; we were playing some of the best hockey of our season.

After lots of end-to-end play and Damon Harriss posting his first shut out, the Storm won 4-0.

Goals for Gage Hutchinson, Colin Glecoff, Hunter Winder and Matthew Vargas, assists Nick Phippen (3), Emily Alexander and Ty Mills.

We carried momentum into Sunday morning's game against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. After a couple tough breaks Parry Sound scores with 49 seconds to go in the first.

We come back out strong in the second, with a goal from Kyan Hall assisted by Nick Phippen.

After another exciting period Parry Sound scores late in the second.

Storm come out hard in the third, however, Parry Sound managed to find the back of the net three more times to end the game 5-1.

The Highland Storm headed into the B finals to face Parry Sound in a rematch of the morning's game.

Looking for revenge, the Storm played their hearts out, however, Lady Luck was not on our side as the bounces didn't go our way.

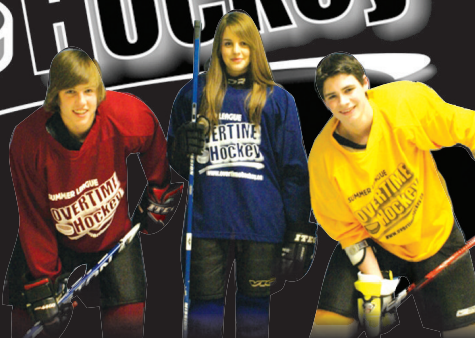
Parry Sound took a 1-0 lead deep onto the third, adding an empty netter and another last second goal to end the game 3-0.

Congratulations to the Parry Sound Shamrocks B division champions and Huntsville Otters for winning the A division championship over the South Muskoka Bears.

*Submitted by Trish Phippen*

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# Skyline Bonspiel winners



The team of Paul Madgett, vice, left, Rob Melhuish, skip, Al Kirchner, lead, and Don Pearson, second won the Haliburton Lumber sponsored A event.



The team of Greg Scheffee, vice, left, Bob Johnston, skip, Bob MacNaull, second, and Andy Gruppe, lead won the Curry Motors sponsored B event.



Scott Haskill, vice, left, Mike Berwick, lead, Matt Glandfield, skip, and Paul Simmonds, second, of the St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto won the Haliburton Home Hardware sponsored C event.



The team of Craig Ripley, lead, left, Dave Simmons, second, Ron Fennell, vice, and Mark Reid (with Art Dawson presenting) won the Dawson Insurance sponsored D event.



Above, Haliburton's Glen Carter watches his rock slide to the house in a final at the Haliburton Curling Club on Sunday, Jan. 20. The Skyline Bonspiel hosted by the Haliburton Curling Club drew 24 teams from across the province for the three-day competition, starting Friday, Jan. 18. Sixteen teams advanced with the most points from three opening round games. It all ended with two-game knockout finals on Sunday. Photos above by Darren Lum

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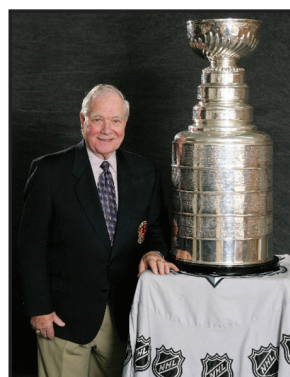


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In the past, the municipality has helped the club with maintenance costs, she said.

The municipality has also given the club an \$18,000 loan, \$9,000 of which has been paid back.

Vaughan requested \$3,954 be added to the loan to help the club get through this year.

The municipality passed a resolution approving the funding request.

## Organizations look for funding

Highlands East received multiple funding requests from local organizations at their meeting.

Hilary Elia, resource development coordinator for Community Care Haliburton County, thanked the municipality for its support and requested it continue.

The organization supports seniors with programs like meals on wheels and the emergency response system.

This year, Community Care is asking for \$4,300 from the municipality.

It has 203 clients in Highlands East.

Heather Reid, director of U-Links Centre for Community Based Research, discussed the ongoing research projects in the county, which include lake planning and

transit options, to name a few.

The organization is reaching the end of a multiple-year grant it received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and is looking at becoming self-sustaining, said Reid.

U-Links wants to conduct a consumer survey project this summer and is hoping to receive \$2,350 from each of the four municipalities to help fund it.

The organization is also seeking funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and Haliburton County.

All requests were deferred until the municipality looks at its budget.

## Construction values increase in 2012

Chief building officer Randy Dunsmore delivered some encouraging news to members of council.

While there was only a slight increase in the number of building permits issued in 2012 compared to 2011, the construction value went up about 30 per cent.

In 2012, 174 building permits were issued, compared to 172 in 2011.

The value of construction in 2012 was about \$10.4 million compared to just more than \$8 million in 2011.

"It's very encouraging, I'm very happy about that," said Dunsmore.

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John Nolan, as the badger, addresses the audience.



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# Cost of healthy eating goes up

With food prices expected to rise again in 2013, a registered dietitian worries some people on low or fixed incomes who already struggle to eat healthful foods will find it even more difficult.

Her comments come as the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit releases its annual cost of healthy eating. The health unit finds an average family of four in this area paid \$8.24 more per week in 2012 for a "nutritious food basket" than the previous year. The family of four – made up of a father, mother, teenaged boy, and girl between four and eight years of age – would have paid \$179.10 per week in 2012 for the nutritious food basket, up from the \$170.86 the same items would have cost in 2011.

"Eight dollars a week does not seem like a big increase, but when you spread the costs out over a month or the entire year, the price to buy healthy food really adds up and takes a larger chunk out of people's wallets," says Elsie Azevedo, a registered dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit. "It's not that local families need to budget better. Rather, there is just not enough money for some families to meet their basic

needs."

Azevedo cites statistics that show families in the lowest income bracket are living on an average annual income of \$16,100 per year (Canadian Index of Well-Being). Working full-time at minimum wage also does not provide enough income to raise a family above the poverty line, she adds.

The health unit, like other health units in Ontario, prices out the nutritious food basket every year to determine the cost of healthy eating in its area. The basket consists of 67 food items that are nutritious and commonly purchased by Canadians, but excludes other essentials such as cleaning products, diapers, toilet paper and personal care items. Health unit staff priced items in the nutritious food basket at several grocery stores in Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes last year.

Azevedo says the ability of people to afford healthy eating is worrisome when some local residents are already struggling to make ends meet and a number of food banks in the area have reported a rise in the number of people using their services. She worries the situation is not likely to improve in

the New Year. Azevedo cites a recent University of Guelph report that forecasts food costs will rise between 1.5 to 3.5 per cent in 2013, especially for staples such as meat, eggs, vegetables, fruit, nuts and seafood.

"Eating nutritious foods like fresh vegetables and fruit is important for a healthy lifestyle," Azevedo says. "It is a real hardship when people have to forgo buying healthy foods in order to pay for rent, clothing, transportation and other necessities. Unfortunately, that is a reality in our community that we need to address."

The health unit encourages local residents and community leaders to get involved in poverty-reduction efforts that break down barriers to healthy eating in the community. People are asked to visit the health unit's Rethink Poverty: Change Minds, Change Lives website ([www.rethinkpoverty.ca](http://www.rethinkpoverty.ca)) to find out about the scope of the poverty problem and what they can do as individuals or groups to address the problem. People can also call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 to find out more information.

*Submitted by the HKPR Health Unit*

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Highlands Summer Festival has always encouraged individuals from the community to become involved in the productions. One of the Highlands Summer Festival mandates is to encourage the growth of theatrical talent in our community. Each season open auditions for roles in the productions are held.

Please follow the link on the festival's home page [www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca) to see all the details. Read the information and if you are still interested, book your audition spot now. This could be the summer of your debut.

And, if you are not interested in on-stage opportunities, Highlands Summer Festival is always looking for extra hands for help behind the scenes. Painters, carpenters, ushers, help with props and set dressings, seamstresses ... there are many talented individuals whose skills contribute to the success of a theatre season. If you would like to volunteer your time and skills, please contact the booking supervisor, Joan Hawley, give her your contact information and the area of participation in which you are interested.

Hawley can be reached at 705-457-1789 or [joanhawley99@hotmail.com](mailto:joanhawley99@hotmail.com).

Either on stage or behind the scenes, we can pretty well guarantee you'll have lots of fun and make a valuable contribution to the 2013 Highlands Summer Festival season.

See you on at the theatre.

*Submitted*



Angelica Blenich Staff

Cast members of La Boheme, as part of a previous Highlands Summer Festival, enjoy a drink in between songs. From left, Ryan Harper as Rudolfo, John Conlon as Marcello, Vasil Garvanliev as Benoit, Keith Lam as Schaunard and Gile Tomkins as Colline. Auditions are being held this month for on-stage roles and volunteers are needed for behind the scenes as well.

## Notices



### COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act*, and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-054/12  
Applicant: Ron OBADIA & Nadine Karyn ARTEMIS  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 31 & 32, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Dysart  
Nature of the Application: New Lot
2. File No. H-061/12  
Applicant: ESTATE OF MARJORY M. RENNICK  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 5, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Dysart  
Nature of the Application: New Lot
3. File No. H-071/12  
Applicant: Merrill Barry Company Limited  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 3 & 4, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Havelock  
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Easement

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2013

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# letters

## More education needed

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a cougar and a plethora of other wildlife. We worked with the Ontario MNR, the OSPCA Wildlife, Zoocheck, IFAW, Ontario Wolf Project, Earthroots and organizations in other provinces. We hosted thousands of visitors each year from around the world and visited schools and organizations across North America to deliver educational information about the elusive wolf.

In 1987 the first Wolf Weekend was held at the Haliburton Forest, and in 1993, six captive wolves were moved from Michigan to Haliburton County. Three adults went to the Haliburton Forest to begin the wolf centre, while two young wolves and a 16-year-old female wolf came to our sanctuary.

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come onto our wilderness property and cut open enclosures. There were also times when healthy wild animals were shot and left in our driveway. We were harassed by local goons, who got their jollies from driving down the concession road late at night, vehicle lights out, yelling and screaming profanities, destroying our property and terrorizing the animals who were "in care."

In 2013, it is beyond belief that we still have mindless trouble makers lurking inside and outside this county.

Obviously there is still a huge need for education through the unique, Canadian interpretive facility at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

Sharon Lawrence  
Minden

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# Send in your news

## West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

It's Saturday morning and my mind is as blank of news as the page in front of me.

Where have you been for holiday? Who has come to your place as guests? Where is your family (i.e. children) located now? What are their jobs? Come on people, it's time to brag! After all, I have written about our sons from time to time.

Our daughter, Beth, has established her own business as registered massage therapist in St. Catharines.

There now, that wasn't painful.

You can phone likewise. I'm sure the column is long enough for our news.

Euchre with seven tables present saw the scores as follows: High - Pearl Kerohan and Bill Geddes. Low - Sandy Poulton and Ed Muenzel. Most lone hands - Jean Randell and Gerald Hadley.

Correction of Nancy Brinks phone number 705-754-2516.

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# Woodville team wins New Year's bonspiel

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark **448-2018**

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Visiting teams from Woodville and Ban-

croft proved most successful in the New Year's Mixed Bonspiel here last weekend.

The Wilberforce Club hosted eight teams on Friday evening and Saturday, Jan. 18 and 19. Congratulations to all players especially the top scorers.

With 51.25 points in three games the team of Fred Lamb, Jenn Crane, Jason Crane and Tamara Misner placed first. They play out of the Woodville Club.

In second place was a Bancroft team skipped by Sean Cook. On his team were Bonnie Gwilliams, Dave Gwilliams and Liz Richardson. Their total score in three games played was 41.50 points.

Just one quarter point behind the Cook team was a team with skip Trevor Lambert and vice Aaron Misner from the Wood-

ville club. They were joined by Marielaine Mackie and Carmen Coumbs from this area.

They scored 41.25 points to place third. Perhaps non-curlers are confused by the fractions of points. In bonspiels most points are acquired for winning games. Points are also earned from the number of ends your team wins and a few from the number of points your team has scored.

In fourth place was the Wilberforce team of Tammy Vaughan, skip, and Chris Hughes, Brent Stagg and Shelly Roberts.

With a score of 34.25 points this team must have won at least two games. Another Wilberforce team of George Callfas, Darryl McQuigge, Joann Bugg and Cathy McQuigge with 27.75 points finished fifth.

Next in line was the Ron Barr team of Ann McIvor, Robert McIvor and Elaine Anderson. John Teravainen's team of Kim Couvert, Melanie Lewis and Donna Teravainen played very well losing their last game on the last shot.

We think the Ron Roberts team of Chris Stickland, Brenda Berning and Theresa Smith must have run into tough opposition or a lot of bad luck. Maybe Ron had too many jobs to help out with between games. They did seem to be having fun anyway.

A very enjoyable spiel convened capably by Melannie Lewis.

Good prizes and a tasty meal to end the day.

Thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

Coming Events  
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**Feb 2:** Minden and District Horticultural Society's Annual Pot Luck Luncheon, beginning at 12:00 noon. Located at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Speaker TBA, please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Come join us to learn what exciting things we have planned for this new season. For more information call Rose at 705 286 3157 or Sandra at 705 286 1439

**Feb 9th:** The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and the Lions Camp Dorset Dialysis facility are once again holding their annual poker rally. The even is held at Lions Camp Dorset on County Rd 8 just outside Dorset, The event is to raise funds for the camp dialysis facility as well as the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

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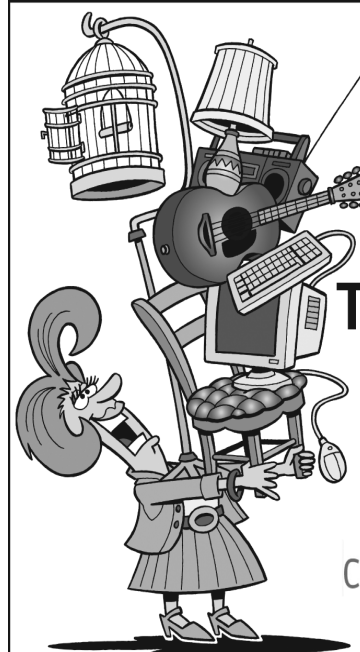


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## Deaths

### William Frederick Joseph Hare

died peacefully on Monday, January 14, 2013 at St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener, age 82. Graduated B.A. Physics (Gold Medalist), Ph.D. 1955 from the University of Toronto. Cherished husband for nearly 60 years of Marion Jean (nee Rowe). Their life was a wonderful adventure in the Netherlands, Toronto, New Jersey, California, Haliburton, and Waterloo.

With sure confidence and a whole store of old jokes he guided and honoured his four children, Tom (Jill), Dave (Kathryn), Sharon (Henk) Holzschere and Janice (Craig) Holzschere, and his numerous grandchildren, Justin (Ashley), Ben, Thane, Laura, Joe, Breanna, Cliff, Khoral, Derek, Jason, Erin, Rose, and Grace. Also survived by brother Douglas (Jannis) Hare and sister Diane Carter and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations in Bill's memory to the Haliburton Highlands Curling Club.



**THIBADEAU, Judith Arlaine "Judy"** - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, January 17, 2013. In her 67th year. Beloved wife of Larry. Loving mother of Laurie, and Rob (Tammy), and cherished grandmother of Ashley and her husband Matt Gray. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends. At Judy's request there will be no Funeral Service. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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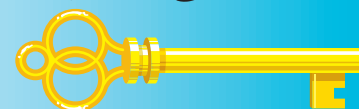
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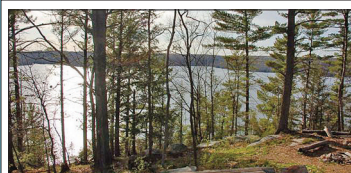
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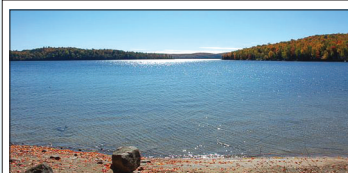
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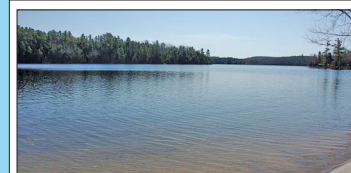
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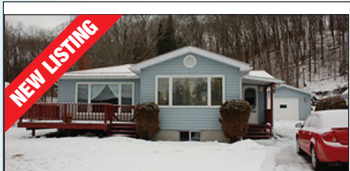
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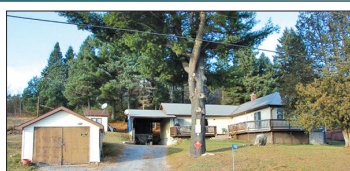
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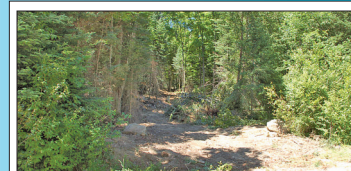
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